Western View CH-156 LaPlata vicinity Private

Western View is currently a 2 ½ story, five bay frame dwelling situated on high ground overlooking Zekiah Swamp. Overall, the building is a good example of the evolving architectural traditions in Charles County from the late-18th to the mid-19th centuries. Built in two phases, the earliest portion of the dwelling was constructed circa 1798 and follows the regionally distinctive room-behind-room plan. Its most distinguishing feature is a Flemish bond double chimney with a molded watertable and projecting brick pent on the north elevation.

During the middle of the 19th century, a side passage dwelling was attached to the existing south wall. This addition includes a more modest single exterior brick chimney with stepped shoulders located on the south gable.

It is believed that the earliest portion of the dwelling was constructed for Henry Holland Hawkins on land then known as "His Lordship's Favor." In 1854 the land and improvements were acquired by Peter Hawkins who probably constructed the addition soon after. The Hawkins' were a prominent Charles County family, and owned land in the Hawkins Gate vicinity for almost three hundred years.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-156

1. Name of I	Property	(indicate preferre	d name)		
historic	Western	View (preferred)			
other	His Lor	dship's Favor			
2. Location					
street and number	11769 W	estern View Drive		not for publication	
city, town	LaPlata		× vicinity		
county	Charles				
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and maili	ng addresses of all own	ers)	
name	John F.	Franchi			
street and number	11769 W	estern View Drive		telephone 301-932-0703	
city, town	LaPlata		state MD	zip code 20646-3310	
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7. Description		Inventory No. CH-156	
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Western View is currently a two story, five bay, side gable frame dwelling situated on high ground overlooking Zekiah Swamp. The site is located to the west of LaPlata on the east side of Hawkin's Gate Road. Built in two phases, the earliest portion of the dwelling was built circa 1798 and follows a room behind room plan. The gable wall contains a pair of massive chimneys laid in Flemish bond with a watertable and a brick chimney pent. During the second quarter of the nineteenth century a two story frame addition was added to the southern elevation. This addition followed the regionally prevalent Federal style with a side passage plan and a brick exterior chimney with stepped shoulders on the south wall.

Western View was extensively renovated by Lawrence and Ann Brown during the 1960's. A great deal of original materials were preserved including the doors, some windows and much of the wall treatment. During the renovation, heavy timber-framed construction and brick nogging of the first floor were found in the northern end of the dwelling. Down bracing at the corner posts was also visible.

The surrounding landscape features descending terraces to Zekiah Swamp, several mature trees and a line of large boxwood at the rear of the dwelling. The site is accessed by a loop drive that approaches the dwelling by the northern elevation. Noncontributing resources include a machine shed, workshop and chicken house all dating from the middle of the twentieth century.

Western View is supported on a continuous brick foundation. Beaded weatherboard covers a frame construction that is infilled with brick nogging. The roof features replacement wood shingles and meets the eave walls with a boxed cornice consisting of bed molding above a narrow band of dentils.

The earliest portion of the dwelling includes a central doorway flanked by two double-hung sash 6/9 light windows. Second floor windows are vertically symmetrical but somewhat smaller consisting of two double-hung wood sash 6/6 lights. The windows in this portion of the house are surrounded by beaded wood two-part molding. The paneled door includes four rectangular lights in the transom above.

One of the dwelling's most distinguishing characteristics is the Flemish bond brick exterior double chimney found on the north elevation. The paired stacks are connected by a one-story projecting brick pent. Centered on the pent is a small square double-hung 2/2 light window. The chimney also features a molded watertable and paved shoulders. The stacks are asymmetrical and feature corbeled caps.

Other fenestration on this wall include a first story double-hung 4/6 light window on the westernmost corner. Two additional windows appear under the gable ridge and between the chimney stacks including a double-hung wood 4/4 light on the second story and an 8 light wood casement window in the attic story.

The 19th century addition follows a typical side passage plan. The facade includes a second entrance flanked by narrow windows somewhat resembling sidelights. These windows are identical to those that appear on the gable ends of the original structure and may have been repositioned from the previous wall at the time of the addition. The principal door in the 19th century addition includes a simple 4 light transom above.

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To the west of the door is a single first floor 6/9 light wood sash window. On the second floor are found two symmetrical 6/6 light wood sash windows. This addition, in contrast to the north end, has simple beaded wood window surrounds.

The south elevation is dominated by a centered exterior brick chimney laid in American bond with an occasional row of irregular headers. The stack features a corbeled cap. Symmetrical fenestration flanks either side of the chimney on all three floors. First floor windows are double-hung with 6/9 lights. Second floor windows are double-hung 6/6 lights. The two attic story windows are wood casement with 6/6 lights.

The east elevation includes a later one story shed porch and enclosed kitchen. Windows on the second floor are 6/6 light wood double-hung sash.

INTERIOR

Western View was probably originally constructed following a room behind room plan; essentially an inverted hall and parlor plan. The primary door opened onto a large room which encompassed the three bay façade. Behind this was a second room of smaller proportion which included a corner stair in the southeastern corner. Although this stair has been removed, a break in the second story floorboards provides evidence of the original placement.

What was once the hall now serves as a dining room and includes chair railing, crown molding and several portions of the floorboards that appear to be original. Interruptions in the first floor dining room chair railing suggests an earlier doorway on the rear eastern wall that would have provided access to the rear parlor and stair chamber.

The upstairs chamber of the original circa 1798 building contains a break in the floor in the rear, southeastern corner that suggests a rear stair configuration that provided access to the upstairs chamber of the original structure. This room also features original chair railing. Other examples of this plan are found in Dearbought (CH-334), Linden (CH-48 NR) and the Exchange (CH-299)

During the second quarter of the nineteenth century a two story frame addition was added to the southern elevation creating an overall central passage plan. Chair railing and crown molding found in the nineteenth century addition living room was copied from the existing dining room molding in 1986.

Later changes to the structure include replacement mantels and repointed fireplaces.

OUTBUILDINGS

Outbuildings are located to the southeast of the dwelling and include a workshop/shed, machine shed and a chicken house. The workshop is a 1 1/2 story with a shed extension off the south side. The roof is covered with wood shingles, capped with a cupola and broken by an interior chimney flue. Both the machine shed and chicken house are frame structures clad with vertical boards and a sloped metal roof and date from the 1960's or 1970's.

8. Significance Inventory No. CH-156				
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Western View is a good example of the evolving architectural traditions in Charles County from the late 18th to mid-19th centuries. The original structure built circa 1798, corresponds to the regionally distinctive room-behind-room plan and includes a pair of double chimneys connected by a one story projecting brick pent. The later addition attached to the southern elevation followed a side-passage plan creating a center passage which became increasingly fashionable during 19th century but did not gain widespread popularity in Charles County until the end of the century.

Western View is located on what was known as "His Lordship's Favor" and was part of many tracts owned by Josias Hawkins at the time of his death in 1789. Josias left this property to his son Samuel. In 1798 Samuel exchanged with his brother Henry Holland Hawkins "His Lordship's Favor" and an adjacent tract known as "Luckett's Hardship" for "Hawkin's Purchase" and "Hawkins Folly" which Henry had inherited from his father. No improvements were mentioned on the deed. Archival, combined with architectural evidence, seems to suggest that Henry Holland Hawkins constructed the original portion of Western View some time after acquiring it in 1798.

After Henry's death the property descended to Peter W. Hawkins in 1854, who was most likely responsible for the south addition. The property remained in the possession of Peter Hawkins until his death, and in 1910 Western View was sold at public auction. The name "Western View" appears for the first time during this 1910 transaction.

It has been claimed that Western View dates from the seventeenth century and was the summer house of Charles Calvert. Although documents indicate that Calvert did own much of the surrounding land and in fact built a manor house in the area, architectural and archival data do not support this assertion.

Western View remains a fine example of late-18th and 19th century building traditions in Charles County. Relatively few historic materials have been lost or altered, and the dwelling retains a high degree of its historic character.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property

297.316

Acreage of historical setting

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Quadrangle name

LaPlata

Quadrangle scale

1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 11769 Western View Drive is associated with Charles County Property Map 34, Grid 17, Parcel 11.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Department	date	9/1/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state MD	zipcode 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Chain of title:

January 17, 1798

Samuel Hawkins to Henry Holland Hawkins, "His Lorship's Favor" "Luckett's Hardship" in exhange for "Hawkin's Purchase" and "Hawkin's Folly". All properties except Luckett's Hardship inherited from their father Josias Hawkins. WB 10 Folio 212.

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June 12, 1854

Mary H. Hawkins, widow of Henry H. Hawkins to heirs Peter W. Hawkins, John W. Hawkins, Daniel W. Hawkins, Letty A. Hawkins, Maria P. Thomas. 700 a. "His Lordship's Favor'. No mention of "Western View" or "Laural Hill".

J.S. No.1 Folio 51

1854-1870

Peter W. Hawkins acquirred interests in property 1) deed from Mary E. Thomas and husband 5 June 1857 **JST 2 Folio 183.** 2) last will and testament of Daniel W. Hawkins 30 Sept 1870 **MT No. 17 Folio 47.** 3) heir at law of John W. and Letty S. Hawkins.

November 26, 1910

Walter J. Mitchell, et al. (public sale of the estate of Peter Hawkins) to Herbert Watson of Warren Ohio. Land formerly known as "His Lordship's Favor" now known as "Western View" and "Laural Hill" 700 a. Being the remaining land of the late Mary A. Hawkins.700 a.

H.C.C. No.22 Folio 383

September 12, 1916

Herbert Watson to W. Mitchell Digges. Land formerly known as "His Lordship's" Favor, now known as "Western View" and "Laurel Hill". 700 a.

C.P. 30 Folio 291

1951

W. Mitchell Digges estate to Larence R. Brown

A.M.A 73 Folio 323

January 31, 1985

Lawrence R. Brown, widower to Lawrence C. and Linda C. Abell: *Parcel 1: "His Lordship's Favor" 104.5 a.

On east side of road from LaPlata to Bryantown

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Parcel 2: "His Lordship's Favor" 60 a.

Parcel 3: "Fair Fountain" 28 a.

Parcel 4: 4.5 a. Parcel 5: 130 a.

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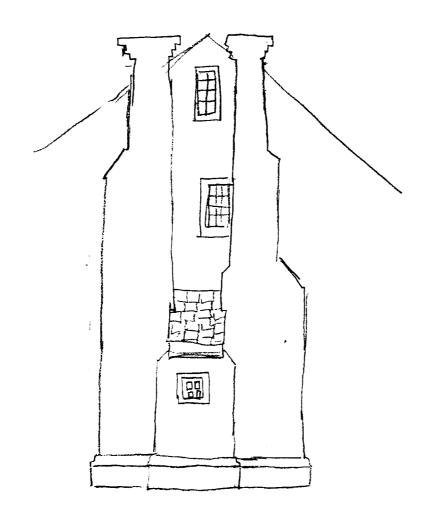
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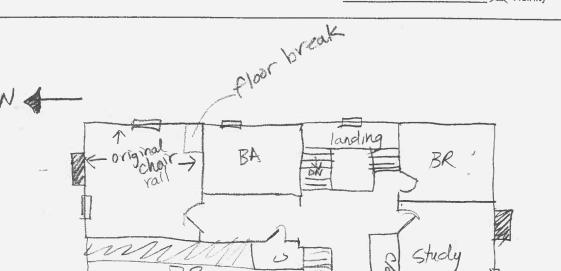
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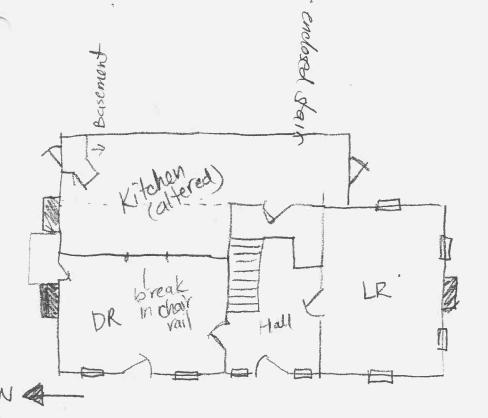
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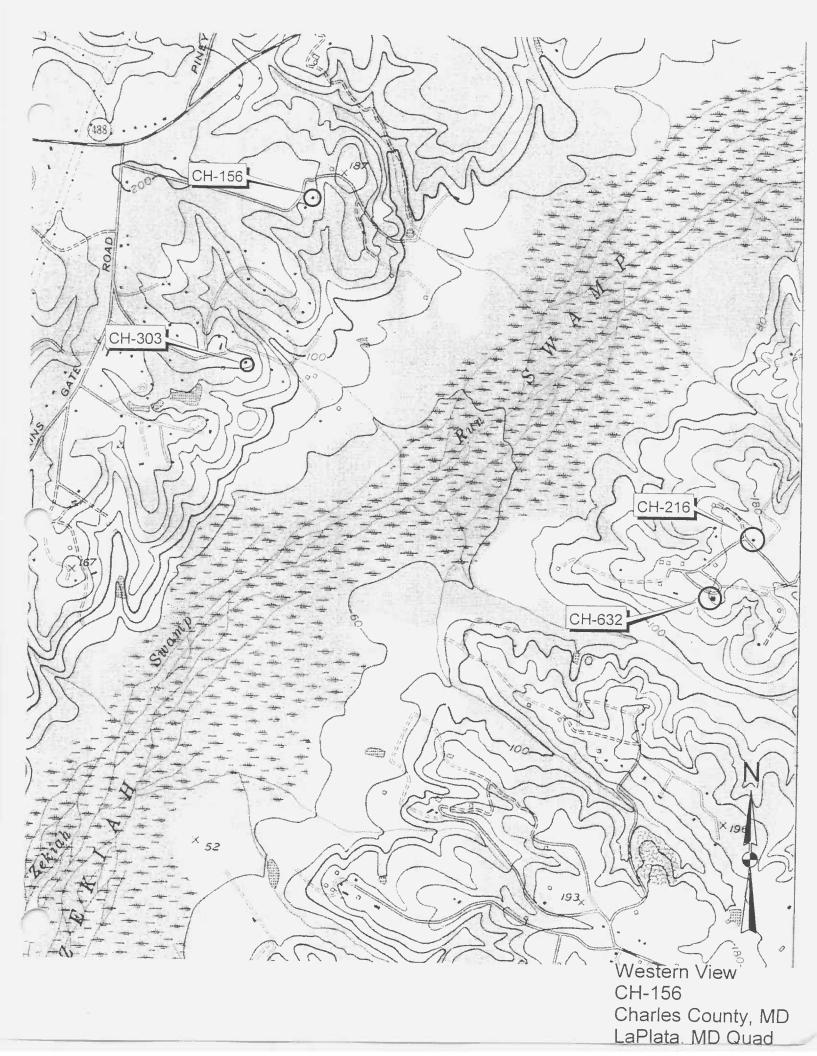


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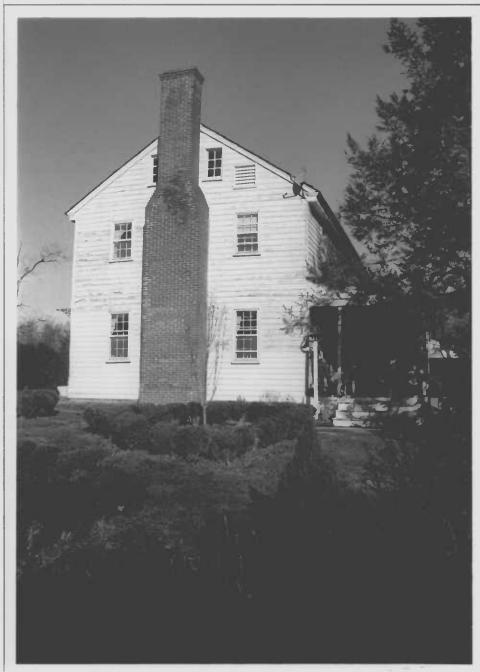
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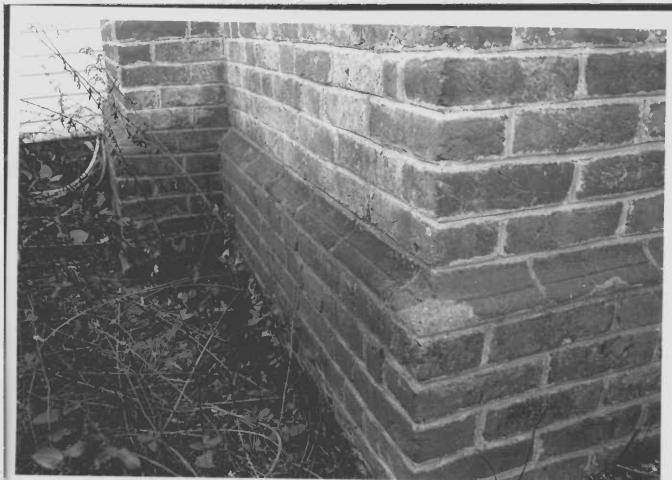


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